

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7011

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to recognize St. Elmo Lodge #437 of Free and Accepted Masons on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is with great honor and pride that we recognize and commemorate those exemplary organizations that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, have contributed greatly to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is St. Elmo Lodge #437 of Free and Accepted Masons, which celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary this year, marking 150 years of standing as a beacon of brotherhood and service within the heart of Bledsoe County; and

WHEREAS, St. Elmo Lodge #437 of Free and Accepted Masons, with its rich history and unwavering commitment to the principles of Freemasonry, has played a pivotal role in fostering a sense of community, compassion, and camaraderie among its members and the people of Bledsoe County; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee of Free and Accepted Masons has played an integral part in shaping the history of Tennessee, embodying the values of Freemasonry that have been instrumental in shaping the lives of renowned leaders, including President Andrew Jackson (PGM), President Andrew Johnson, and President James K. Polk; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee of Free and Accepted Masons stands as a testament to the enduring traditions of Freemasonry, promoting character development, moral integrity, and philanthropy among its members and in the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee of Free and Accepted Masons has long supported funds for widows and orphans, exemplifying the spirit of benevolence and compassion that Freemasonry embodies; and

WHEREAS, St. Elmo Lodge #437 has touched the lives of countless Tennesseans through its dedicated service and charitable endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend St. Elmo Lodge #437 of Free and Accepted Masons, joining with the members as they celebrate the lodge's 150th anniversary and extending our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.